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Applicant respectfully requests that Claims 13-27 be canceled without prejudice. Thus, Claims 1-12 are pending in the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

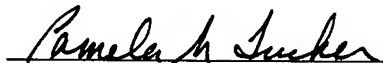
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